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THE EARTH
IS OURS!

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THE BUG



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LAND EVER SEEN...

THE BUG!

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**LIGHT-
RAY**



ORION



EXTRA:

**MANHUNTER
MEETS
"The LADY AND THE
TIGER"**

WAR IS A PROCESS OF VIOLENT, NEVER-ENDING *BEGINNINGS!* WHAT ONCE BEGAN AS THE FIRST "GREAT CLASH" BETWEEN THE NEW GODS---ALSO BEGAN BACTERIOLOGICAL ATTACK!! ---THE SPREADING OF TOXIC "MICRO-LIFE" AS A "OBSTRUCTANT" (THIS LIFE DID NOT END WITH THE "CLASH"! IT *FESTERED!* IT *GREW!* IT *EVOLVED!* AND IT WAS *DIFFERENT!*)

THIS IS "FORAGER"! HE'S A "FOOD-SEEKER"! TO A TEENING MULTITUDE, HIS KIND MEANS AN END TO HUNGER! TO THE NEW GODS, HE'S MERELY TYPICAL OF

THE BUG!

WE SEE IT, FORAGER! WE SEE IT!

IT'S A GREAT STORING PLACE OF FOOD!

THEN FOLLOW ME!...AND TAKE ALL YOU CAN CARRY!



THEY'RE
TRYING TO
KILL ME!
I'M THE
ONLY ONE
LEFT!
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THE BUS IS
LEGION! HIS
RAVENOUS HUNGER
IS LEGION!
FROM THE DARK
INNER-WORLD
OF NEW GENESIS
HE ATTACKS
IN LEGION!

WE'VE DISABLED
THE PICKET
SENTRY! ON TO
THE HALLS!





FORWARD!
FORWARD!
KEEP GOING!

OUR ACID-PODS
WILL BURN SOME
OPENINGS FOR
US

A BREACH IS MADE! FORAGER AND HIS FELLOW "BUGS" SWARM INTO THE STORE-HOUSE AND SEIZE THE FOOD!

HURRY! PASS THESE FOOD BAGS DOWN! THEN TAKE ONE YOURSELF...AND RUN!



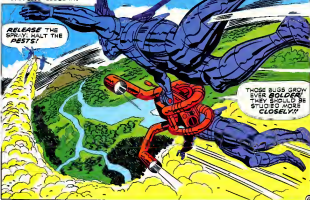
THEY STRIKE AND RUN! EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT THE BUGS THAT *DEATH* SOON FOLLOWS IN THE WAKE OF SUCH FORAYS!!!

RUN! RETURN TO THE MOUND! REMEMBER... EVERYONE MUST TRY TO MAKE IT BACK TO THE COLONY!

IT COMES! THE SKY DEATH COMES IN!

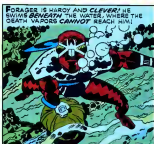


AND IN PURSUIT OF THE BUGS, HIGH-FATHER'S DEADLY MOUNTAINS CLOSE IN!



RELEASE THE SPRAY! HALT THE PESTS!

THOSE BUGS GROW EVER BOLDER! THEY SHOULD BE STUDIED MORE CLOSELY!!



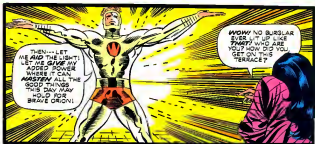
ON EARTH, A TERRIBLE NIGHT HAS PASSES! A GREAT CITY HAS WEATHERED THE THUNDER AND SHOCK OF AN EPIC DUEL OF BEINGS OF GREAT POWER! BUT THE NIGHT HAS SWALLOWED THE RUMBLING SCHOES AND THE STILLNESS, LIKE A HEALING BLANKET, HAS LAIN ACROSS WOUNDS STILL EXPOSED IN THE DARK...WHEN THE SHADOWS BEGIN TO DISSOLVE, WE SEE...

ORION AND LIGHTRAY OF THE **NEW GODS!**

BEHOLD, ORION!
THE DAWN RISES!
AND, AS ALWAYS,
THE STRINGS OF
HOPE!

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ALL HAIL TO THE
ETERNAL VIRTUES
AND OPTIMISM OF
NEW GENESIS!
THE GODS OF WAR,
BEWARE!





YOU PAY...
TO BREATHE
THIS SULLIED
AIR!

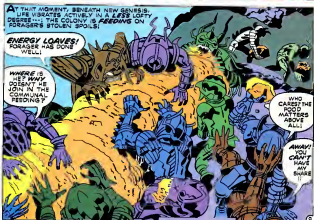
OUR SITUATION EASES...
ORION OWLLE ON *OTHER*
ISSUES!

DEAR ME! YOUR FRIEND
IS POSITIVELY BARTLEY!
AND I WAS SO INTERLUED
BY THE INCREDIBLE
RUMORS!



THE BULLETINS
ARE *SPILL*
FLASHING ABOUT
LAST NIGHT!
...STORIES OF
SUPER-BEINGS
AND
MONSTERS!

OH, YES, MADAM!
...*THESE WERE*
MONSTERS!



AT THAT MOMENT, BENEATH NEW GENESIS,
LIFE VIBRATES ACTIVELY IN A *LESS* LOFTY
DEGREE... THE COLONY IS *KEEPING* ON
FORAGER'S STOLEN SPOILS!

ENERGY LOAVES!
FORAGER HAS DONE
WELL!

WHERE IS
HE? WHY
DIDN'T HE
JOIN IN THE
COMMUNAL
FEEDING?

WHO
CARES? THE
FOOD
MATTERS
ABOVE
ALL!

AWAY!
YOU
CAN'T
HAVE
MY
SHARE!



NEXT TO "GREEN-WIDOW" WHO RULES THE COLONY, PRIME ONE'S THE WISEST ABOVE ALL! HE PERSONALLY GUIDES FORAGER'S DESTINY! HE ALONE IS CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING HIM!





INVASION! INVASION! THE FEARSOME SIGNAL SUMMONS ALL WHO CAN FIGHT, TO PROTECT THE COLONY! FORAGER QUICKLY JOINS THEM!!



THE FIGHTING IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS!...AND FORAGER LEAPS OVER THE HEADS OF THE FALLEN TO GET AT THE ENEMY!



AND THE ENEMY IS LARGE AND MIGHTY AND MERCILESS! BUT THE WARRIORS OF FORAGER'S COLONY KNOW ONLY ONE WAY TO THE DEATH!



ALL WEAPONS COME INTO PLAY! FORAGER'S "ACID-POD" SHOOTS ITS DEADLY STREAM WHERE IT DOES THE MOST DAMAGE!



BUT, ON EARTH, "PEACE" IS THE MOMENTARY WORD! ORION HAS BEEN PERSUADED BY LIGHTRAY TO TRY IT!

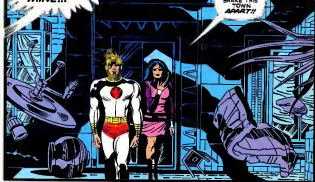






**HEAR ME, DARKSEID!
IN THE END IT SHALL
BE YOU AND I!
POWER AGAINST
POWER! YOUR
DEATH---OR
MINE!!!**

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
IT'S LIKE
HE CAN
SHAKE THE
TOWN
APART!!



LIGHTRAY! I--I
RETRACT
MY FORMER
NOTIONS! I--I'M
REALLY
FRIGHTENED!
WHO IS ORION?
JUST WHAT HAVE
I BEEN
TALKING WITH?

THAT WHICH
SEEMED TO
FASCINATE YOU,
LADY---
THE PRESENCE
OF PURE AND
TOTAL
DESTRUCTION!



**EVEN AS ORION CALLS UPON RATE TO UNCOIL
AND STRIKE---LIGHTRAY KNOWS THAT DESTINY
WORKS WITH ITS OWN MECHANICS--THE RATES
SHALL WEAVE DISASTER! BUT IT IS FORMING
ON NEW GENESIS---WITH LOWLY BUGS!**

THE BATTLE IS
OVER! ---THE
ENEMY---
BEATEN!









FORAGER IS
ATTACKED AS
PRIME ONE IS
LED TO THE
CEREMONIAL
"KILLING PIT"!

FORAGER: DO AS I
TELL YOU! YOU MAY
FAIL TO STOP
MANTIS! THE
ETERNAL HAS
A BETTER
CHANCE!

HAVE YOU
GONE MAD,
FORAGER?
IT'S
BLASPHEMY
TO INTERFERE!

UGH--!

PRIME ONE WALKS DOWN SLOWLY AND COOLLY
TO HIS DOOM! THE "ALLY-WOOD" ALREADY WHIPS
WITH HER SACRIFICIAL "ELECTRO-STABBER"!



BUT NOW! CAN I, HOPE TO
TALK TO THIS ETERNAL? I'M
A BUG! HE WOULD STAMP ME
TO DEATH WITHOUT MERCY!

AAAA--

HE WILL
NOT! YOUR
LIFE IS A
LIE! YOU'RE
NOT ONE OF
US! YOU'RE
HIS KIND!



NO! I DON'T BELIEVE
IT! I'M A BUG!
IF YOU ARE A
BUG-- THEN--
I AM A BUG!



MY LAST
COUNSEL!
FORAGER--
FIND ORION!
FIND
ORION!

SILENCE!
--IT IS
TIME!



AS
IT IS...SO
IT MUST ALWAYS
BE...IN THE
WORLD OF
THE BUS
!!!

NO! NO!
HE IS "PRIME ONE!"
THE COLONY CAN'T BE
WITHOUT HIM!

WE'LL
HAVE
A NEW
PRIME
ONE
SOON!

FAREWELL
"GOOD FORGER"
PROCEED
"ALL-WIDOW")





GOODBYE, NOBLE MONSTER---
IT'S NOT DEATH, OR SCORN, OR
SYMPATHY, I WISH FOR YOU!-- BUT
ONLY WHAT YOU LEFT UNFINISHED
HERE!--- A TIME OF PEACE!--!



ABOVE METROPOLIS---

THE EARTH-FOLK GATHER
BELOW, ORION! THEY
CAN SEE THE TRAIL-
FLASH OF LIGHT
PARTICLES!

I YEARN FOR THE **ASTRO-
HARNESS**, LIGHT-
RAY! I LOOK FOR
IT TO RETURN
FROM ITS
ERRAND OF
MERCY!



FOR WHEREABOUTS
OF ORION'S HARNESS
SEE THE "GLORY
BOAT" ISSUE NO. 5 --
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ORION SOON FINDS AN APARTMENT BUILDING
WITH SIGNS OF A NEWLY FOUGHT BATTLE!

IN **HERE**,
LIGHTRAY!

DONE!



HERE IS AN ALLY
WORTHY OF HIS PEOPLE!
DAVE LINCOLN!

ORION! YOU'RE
BACK!--AND WITH
COMPANY!



I AM LIGHTRAY,
--OF NEW
GENESIS!

YEAH! THAT'S JUST
GREAT! IT'S A GREAT DAY
FOR SERGEANT
TURNPIKE PRECINCT!

WHAT DO
YOU
MEAN,
DAVE?



IT MEANS WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR YOU TO SHOW!
METROPOLIS POLICE, MISTER!
YOU TWO ARE **BUSTED!**

I'M SORRY, ORION,
I CAN'T SUCK
THE LAW---
YOU'LL HAVE TO
GO WITH THEM!



THE WAR IS ONCE MORE UPON ORION! BUT THE NEXT BATTLE IS DEVELOPING ELSEWHERE:



EVERYWHERE FORAGER TURNS, DEATH LEAPS AT HIM! HE BARELY VAULTS THE SUDDEN SPRAY OF FLAMING ACID:

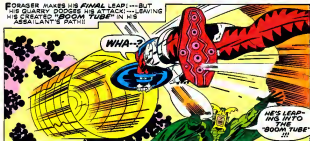




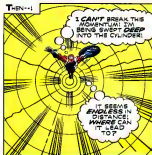
ONE ENERGY BOLT FOLLOWS ANOTHER!...
BLASTING FORAGER FROM *EVERY* CORNER
OF SAFETY!



FORAGER MAKES HIS *FINAL* LEAP!...BUT
HIS GUARRY DODGES HIS ATTACK!...LEAVING
HIS CREATED "BOOM TUBE" IN HIS
ASSAILANT'S PATH!!



THEN...



IN THE COLONY, THE BOOM TUBE AND
FORAGER *WHASH!*...AND MANTIS
EXPLODES WITH FURY!



MEANWHILE,
FORAGER'S
FLIGHT HAS
COME TO A
HALT: HE'S
REACHED THE
OTHER
END OF THE
"BOOM TUBE!"

THIS IS
WONDERFUL,
INDEED!
BEFORE ME
IS A PLACE
THE LIKES OF
WHICH I'VE
NEVER
SEEN!

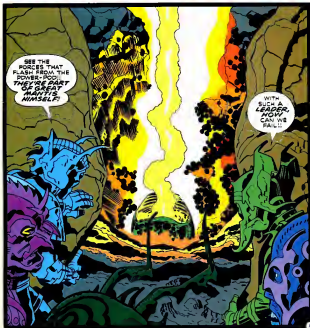
THIS IS WHERE
MANTIS AND
THE BUGS WILL
ATTACK!
DOES IT
ALSO HOLD
ORION?

IF DREAMS CAN COME TRUE... SO CAN *NIGHTMARES!!!*
IN FACT, *THEY'RE COMING!!!* BY THE THOUSANDS! BY
MILLIONS!...ARMIES WITHOUT NUMBER!...LED BY *MANTIS!!!*
...WITH A LUST FOR POWER!...AND A CLAIM TO...

EARTH---THE DOOMED DOMINION

BENEATH THE WORLD OF *NEW GENESIS* ARE THE BURROWS THAT SUPPORT THE STRANGE SPECIES THE GODS REFER TO AS THE "SAVES." COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF THEM, SAVAGE AND RESTLESS, ARE STUBBLED WITHIN THEIR GREAT COLONY, KNOWN AS THE MOUND. A POWERFUL FORCE HAS RETURNED AMONG THEM! HE LIES NOW IN HIS *POWER-POD*—GENERATING AND BUILDING THE IMMENSE COSMIC CHARGES—WITH WHICH HE WILL LEAD HIS LEGIONS AGAINST

EARTH---THE DOOMED DOMINION



With the destruction of the other gods, there
is no more magic. The gods are dead. The
magic is gone. The world is a dead world.
And the people are dying. It's a sad world.

WANTING
IS READY!!

THE
GODS
ARE
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AND
THE
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IS
GONE



WHEN THE PYRO-TECHNIC DISPLAY DIES DOWN, THERE IS MOMENTARY SILENCE IN THE GREAT HIVE---THEN THE LID OF THE POWER-POD MOVES---IS LIFTED AWAY--- AND THE STRANGE ENTITY WITHIN IT--- RISES---!!

**MANTIS
IS READY!!!**

PREPARE
FOR THE
GREAT
DESTINY
WHICH
AWAITS US!
PREPARE TO
LEAVE
THIS WORLD
WHERE FEAR
STALKS
YOU!

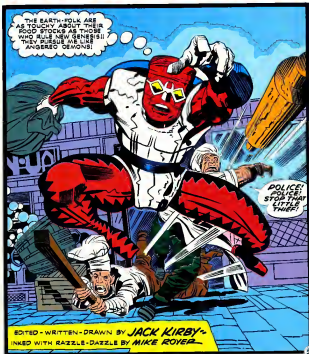






BUT ON EARTH, A LONE INTERLODER FROM THE "BUS" WORLD ROAMS THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE HE FEARS BUT MUST APPROACH; ONLY FORAGER KNOWS OF THE IMPENDING INVASION! ONLY HE CAN SOUND THE WARNING! BUT, AT THE MOMENT, HE IS LONELY...HUNGRY...AND A PITIFUL PAWN IN THE MAMMOTH WAR OF THE

NEW GODS





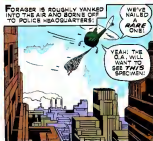
BUT FORAGER'S POWERFUL LEGS ENABLE HIM TO MAKE *EXTRAORDINARY* LEAPS!!



CONFUSED AND FRIGHTENED BY HIS STRANGE NEW SURROUNDINGS, FORAGER DASHES OUT INTO THE BUSY TRAFFIC!





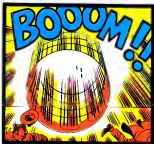


ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS TO HAVE SUFFERED A SETBACK TO HIS PLANS, FORAGER HAS YET TO LEARN THE STRANGE WORKINGS OF *FATE*!





SOMEWHERE, IN THE CITY, LIFE AT 422 LEVELS
PROCEEDS IN ITS NORMAL COURSE---EXCEPT
IN ONE CERTAIN AREA---



I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR
CONFUSION---BUT I'M
COUNTING ON YOUR JOINING
US AGAINST A SAVAGE
ENEMY!

YOU'LL MEET
HIM SOON!
**DARKSEID OF
APOLLOPS IS FAR
FROM BEING SHY!**
---AND HIS ALLIES
SERVE HIM FOR
ONE PURPOSE---
**DOMINATION OF ALL
LIVING THINGS!**

IS
THAT
SO?

WELL, THAT'S YOUR
STORY! WHEN I RUN
INTO THIS DARKSEID
I'LL SET HIS STORY
UNTIL THEN---

---UNTIL THEN,
THE WORD OF
LIGHTRAY AND
ORION MUST BE
YOUR GUIDE!
**NEED US ---
AND
STAY
ALIVE!**

AT THAT MOMENT---!

MISTER HARTWELL!
IT'S BEGINNING TO RAIN
"WERDES"! WE'VE BAGGED
ANOTHER ONE...A
"TEEN-TYPE"!

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
THE
CLASSIFIABLE
CASE? ---LIKE
HOMICIDE...ARMED
ROBBERY?

OKAY! LET'S
HAVE A LOOK
AT THIS NEW
ONE

MAN! IT'S A "BUG"!
YOU'VE CAUGHT YOUR-
SELF A LOWLY "BUG"!

WE'VE YET TO
SEE ONE THIS
BIG--- OR
**TRICKLE-
SOME!**

**W. YOU'RE
OF NEW
GENESIS!**
---CAN YOU
BE
ORION?



THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF MANTIS AND HIS HORDE STRIKES TERROR INTO THE FIRST ONLOOKERS ON THE SCENE!



COMIC CHARGES
GENERATED BY
MANTIS LASH
OUT TO
WREAK HAVOC!



MEANWHILE---





BUT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, LIGHTRAY AND HIS CHARGES HAVE LANDED!...AND FROM BELOW THEIR ROOFTOP POSITION, THE ENEMY CAN BE HEARD!



THE LEGIONS OF MANTIS BARELY REACH THEIR GOAL...WHEN THE BATTLE BEGINS!

THE ENTIRE CITY IS THEN WITNESS
TO A BATTLE OF TITANS! FIERCE
BODIES, LASHING OUT IN
TERRIBLE RURY!!

KRAASSHH!!

POW!

CRACK!

GET
FORGER!
PULL HIM
DOWN!



IN ONE GREAT MENTAL FLASH HE SCANS THE CITY IN DETAIL AND DISCOVERS A POSSIBLE WEAPON!







SOME **UNSEEN** FORCE HAS
INVADED HIS MIND!
MANTIS AND HIS ARMY SEEM
DEREFT OF REASON!

PERHAPS
THIS IS
LIGHT GRAY'S
BOMB!
HE WAS **NOT** AMONG
US DURING THE
BATTLE!

MY GUESS IS THAT HE
WAS *BUSY* ELSEWHERE!
...ON WORK OF HIS OWN!

I THINK YOU'RE
RIGHT, FORAGER.
THERE'S THE
PLANNER, NOW!

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USING HIS OWN LIGHT FORCE AS A LASER BEAM, LIGHTRAY PROJECTS THE LETHAL FREQUENCY TRANSMITTED TO HIM BY THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY.

 A comic book panel showing Light Ray from behind, wearing a blue uniform and a silver helmet. He is holding a glowing yellow staff that emits a powerful pink laser beam. The beam is directed at a group of mutants, including a large green one and a red one. The mutants are screaming, with the sound effect 'RRREEEE' written in large, jagged red letters. The background is a dark, rocky landscape.

THEN, AS THE LAST OF THE INVADERS VANISH FROM SIGHT, THE BOOM TUBE FACES AWAY!



LIGHTRAY'S WORK IS DONE! HE RETURNS TO HIS FRIENDS!



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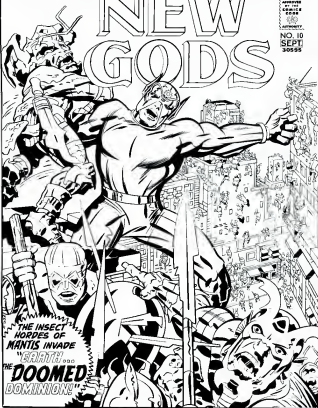
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